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SUBJ: PRG AND KHMER ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

REF: A) STATE 062535; B) STATE 083517

1. EMBASSY APPROACHED SA DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA)
ON PRG AND KHMER ISSUES APRIL 1. PRESENTED USG POSITION,
DRAWING ON SUBSTANCE REFTEL A. DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR MULTI-
LATERAL RELATIONS VAN HEERDEN SAID DFA WOULD HAVE TO STUDY
MATTER BEFORE RESPONDING AND ASKED FOR NOTE, WHICH WAS
DELIVERED LATER THAT DAY. DFA SAYS REPLY TO NOTE WILL NOT
BE READY FOR ANOTHER TWO OR THREE WEEKS.

2. HOWEVER, VAN HEERDEN HAS TOLD US THAT WHILE SAG SUPPORTED
IN PRINCIPLE OUR DESIRE TO PREVENT GRUNK AND PRG FROM BEING
SEATED AT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS, IT WOULD NOT AUTOMATI-
CALLY SUPPORT USG ON THIS ISSUE. HE SAID THEIR AMBASSADOR
TO UN GENEVA, TASWELL, WHO WAS THEIR REPRESENTATIVE AT
CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER BROADENING THE 1949 GENEVA CONVENTIONS
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(TO GOVERN THE CONDUCT OF WAR) WHICH WAS HELD IN MARCH,

REPORTED TO DFA THAT ON QUESTION OF SEATING PRG, SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION ABSTAINED.

3. SOUTH AFRICANS DID NOT VOTE AGAINST PRG BECAUSE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM HAD MADE IT CLEAR IT WOULD NOT VOTE AGAINST SEATING, AS FULL DELEGATED WITHOUT VOTING RIGHTS, THE VARIOUS AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, INCLUDING FRELIMO, JNN, SWAPO, ETC. SOUTH AFRICAN REGARD SEATING OF PRG AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AS ONE ISSUE AND FELT THEY COULD NOT SUPPORT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE IF THEY IN TURN DID NOT SUPPORT SOUTH AFRICA.

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